

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following Remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 14-20, 2224 and 26-29 remain pending in the application. New claims 30-33 are added.

Applicant appreciatively notes that claim 7 is indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8 and 15-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by McCreery. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Examiner contends that McCreery discloses “applying rules to the data stream for sorting data representative of events and for taking an action based on a specific event (column 4, lines 44-57).” These actions are described on page 17, lines 12-24. By contrast, the cited portion of McCreery does not take an action based on a specific event. Accordingly, for at least this reason, McCreery does not anticipate independent claim 1. The remaining dependent claims are patentable for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1 as well as on their own merits.

Similar arguments exist for claims 22, 24, 26, 28 and 29. Accordingly, the anticipation rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 14, 20, 23, 25, 27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCreery. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

These claims are patentable for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1 as well as on their own merits.

Furthermore, regarding claim 2, the Examiner needs to provide a reference showing a time line. Applicant contends that it is not obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the gathered information of McCreery to display a time line. The same holds true for claim 14.

It is respectfully requested that the obviousness rejection be withdrawn.

New claims 30-32 have been added to further define the “action” recited in the claim 1.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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